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Application No.: 10/003,506 Group No.: 2651  
Filed: October 31, 2001 Examiner: Fred Tzeng  
For: WRITING POSITION DATA EX SITU USING AN ACTUATOR RETRACTABLE BY A  
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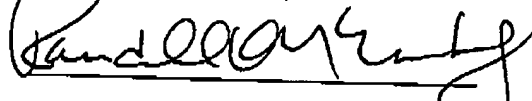
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